

What is claimed is:

1 1. An electronic couponing method comprising the  
2 steps of:  
3 transferring coupon information to a first portable  
4 terminal and storing same therein;  
5 displaying a representation of the transferred  
6 coupon information on the first portable terminal; and  
7 transferring at least part of the stored coupon  
8 information from the first portable terminal to another  
9 terminal for redemption.

1 2. An electronic couponing method comprising the  
2 steps of:  
3 transferring coupon information to a first portable  
4 terminal and storing same therein;  
5 displaying a representation of the transferred  
6 coupon information on the first portable terminal; and  
7 transferring at least part of the stored coupon  
8 information from the first portable terminal to a second  
9 portable terminal.

1 3. An electronic couponing system comprising:  
2 a first portable terminal having a memory;  
3 a first transfer unit for transferring coupon  
4 information to said first portable terminal, said first  
5 portable terminal storing same in said memory thereof;

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6 a display disposed within said first portable  
7 terminal for displaying a representation of said  
8 transferred coupon information from said first portable  
9 terminal; and  
10 a second transfer unit for transferring at least  
11 part of said stored coupon information to another  
12 terminal for redemption.

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4. An electronic couponing system comprising:  
a first portable terminal having a memory;  
a first transfer unit for transferring coupon  
information to said portable terminal, said portable  
terminal storing same in said memory thereof;  
a display disposed within said first portable  
terminal for displaying a representation of said  
transferred coupon information;  
a second portable terminal; and  
a second transfer unit for transferring at least  
part of said stored coupon information from said first  
portable terminal to said second portable terminal.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of  
the coupon information is transferred to the first  
portable terminal by optically scanning information with  
an optical scanner.

1           6.     The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of  
2     the coupon information is transferred to the first  
3     portable terminal with a Bluetooth radio link.

1           7.     The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of  
2     the coupon information is transferred to the first  
3     portable terminal via the Internet.

1           8.     The method of claim 7, wherein at least part of  
2     the coupon information is transferred from the Internet  
3     to the first portable terminal via a wireless link.

1           9.     The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of  
2     the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3     first portable terminal to another terminal via optically  
4     scanning the displayed representation of the transferred  
5     coupon information on the portable terminal.

1           10.    The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of  
2     the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3     first portable terminal to another portable terminal via  
4     a Bluetooth radio link.

1           11.    The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of  
2     the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3     first portable terminal to another terminal via an  
4     infrared link.

1 ~~12. The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of~~  
2 ~~the stored coupon information is transferred from the~~  
3 ~~first portable terminal to another terminal via the~~  
4 ~~Internet.~~

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1 ~~13. The method of 7, wherein at least part of the~~  
2 ~~stored coupon information is transferred from the first~~  
3 ~~portable to another terminal via the Internet via a~~  
4 ~~wireless link.~~

1 ~~14. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of~~  
2 ~~the coupon information is transferred to the first~~  
3 ~~portable terminal by optically scanning information with~~  
4 ~~an optical scanner.~~

1 15. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of  
2 the coupon information is transferred to the first  
3 portable terminal with a Bluetooth radio link.

1 ~~16. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of~~  
2 ~~the coupon information is transferred to the first~~  
3 ~~portable terminal via the Internet.~~

1 17. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of  
2 the coupon information is transferred from the Internet  
3 to the first portable terminal via a wireless link.

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1 18. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of  
2 the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3 first portable terminal to a second portable terminal via  
4 the Internet.

1 19. The method of claim 18, wherein at least part  
2 of the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3 first portable terminal to a second portable terminal via  
4 the Internet via a wireless link.

1 20. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of  
2 the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3 first portable terminal to a second portable terminal via  
4 an infrared link.

1 21. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of  
2 the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3 first portable terminal to a second portable terminal via  
4 a Bluetooth radio link.

1 22. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of  
2 the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3 first portable terminal to a second portable terminal via  
4 optically scanning the displayed representation of the  
5 transferred coupon information on the first portable  
6 terminal.

1           23. The system of claim 3, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit comprises an optical scanner for optically  
3 scanning a representation of said coupon information.

1           24. The system of claim 3, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit comprises a Bluetooth radio link.

1           25. The system of claim 3, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit comprises the Internet.

1           26. The system of claim 25, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit further comprises a wireless link.

1           27. The system of claim 3, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises an optical scanner for scanning  
3 the representation of said transferred coupon information  
4 on said display of said first portable terminal.

1           28. The system of claim 3, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises a Bluetooth radio link.

1           29. The system of claim 3, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises an infrared link.

1           30. The system of claim 3, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises the Internet.

1           31. The system of claim 30, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit further comprises a wireless link.

1           32. The system of claim 4, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit comprises an optical scanner for optically  
3 scanning a representation of said coupon information.

1           33. The system of claim 4, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit comprises a Bluetooth radio link.

1           34. The system of claim 4, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit comprises the Internet.

1           35. The system of claim 33, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit further comprises a wireless link.

1           36. The system of claim 4, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises the Internet.

1           37. The system of claim 36, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit further comprises a wireless link.

1           38. The system of claim 4, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises an infrared link.

1           39. The system of claim 4, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises a Bluetooth radio link.

1           40. The system of claim 4, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises an optical scanner for scanning  
3 said representation of said transferred coupon  
4 information on said display of said first portable  
5 terminal.

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1           41. An electronic couponing method comprising the  
2 steps of:  
3           transferring coupon information to a first portable  
4 terminal and storing same therein;  
5           displaying a representation of the transferred  
6 coupon information on the first portable terminal;  
7           transferring at least part of the stored coupon  
8 information from the first portable terminal to another  
9 terminal for redemption; and  
10          transferring at least part of the stored coupon  
11 information from the first portable terminal to a second  
12 portable terminal.

1           42. An electronic couponing system comprising:  
2           a first portable terminal having a memory;  
3           a first transfer unit for transferring coupon  
4 information to said first portable terminal, said first  
5 portable terminal storing same in said memory thereof;





1 48. The system of claim 42, wherein said coupon  
2 information comprises a coupon ID (identification).

1 49. The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of  
2 the coupon information is transferred to the first  
3 portable terminal via a wireless LAN (Local Area  
4 Network).

1 50. The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of  
2 the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3 first portable terminal to another terminal via a  
4 wireless LAN (Local Area Network).

1 51. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of  
2 the coupon information is transferred to the first  
3 portable terminal via a wireless LAN (Local Area  
4 Network).

1 52. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of  
2 the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3 first portable terminal to a second portable terminal via  
4 a wireless LAN (Local Area Network).

1 53. The system of claim 3, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit comprises a wireless LAN (Local Area  
3 Network).

1        54. The system of claim 3, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises a wireless LAN (Local Area  
3 Network).

1        55. The system of claim 4, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit comprises a wireless LAN (Local Area  
3 Network).

1        56. The system of claim 4, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises a wireless LAN (Local Area  
3 Network).

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